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FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND PAO

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SUBJECT: "60" MINUTES" TV PROGRAM ON NARCOTICS: PRESS  
GUIDANCE

TEXT OF "60 MINUTES" TELEVISION PROGRAM ON NARCOTICS  
TRAFFICKING FROM COLOMBIA IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA WIRE-  
LESS FILE. NO QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE PROGRAM WERE  
RAISED DURING THE APRIL 3 STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE IN RESPONDING TO LOCAL  
INQUIRIES, FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF CLEARED DEPARTMENT  
PRESS GUIDANCE:

Q: WAS IT A DIPLOMATIC BLUNDER TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON  
ALLEGATIONS AGAINST COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ?  
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A: NO. WE ARE RECEIVING EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THE  
COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT IN EFFORTS TO STEM THE FLOW OF DRUGS  
FROM COLOMBIA. OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE ENGAGED IN A BILATERAL  
PROGRAM AIMED AT ENSURING THAT THE COLOMBIAN ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES HAVE ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT, AND APPROPRIATE TRAIN-  
ING. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE CONVERSATIONS MENTIONED

IN THE 60 MINUTES PROGRAM ARE PART OF AN ON-GOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY AND COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS.

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE QUOTE FROM THE PETER BOURNE MEMO THAT "SOME STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE WILLING JUST TO GIVE (COLOMBIA) THE HELICOPTERS NOT TO RUFFLE THEM"?

A: REFER TO WHITE HOUSE. (IF PRESSED: THE HELICOPTERS WERE PROVIDED TO MAKE OUR JOINT NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS MORE EFFECTIVE.)

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE CHARGES THAT THE WRONG INFORMATION AGAINST THE WRONG OFFICIALS WAS SELECTED?

A: NO. I DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON A PARTICULAR PIECE OF INFORMATION. WE RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MANY SOURCES AND PASS THOSE ALLEGATIONS TO THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR FURTHER VERIFICATION.

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT AGREE THAT IT WAS A CLERICAL ERROR OR ARE THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND LABOR REALLY INVOLVED IN THE DRUG TRAFFIC?

A: AGAIN I WILL NOT COMMENT ON PARTICULAR ALLEGATIONS, WHICH FALL WITHIN THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

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Q: WHAT ABOUT THE CHARGE THAT COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JULIO CESAR TURBAY IS SOMEHOW INVOLVED WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING FROM COLOMBIA?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS, BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO THAT EFFECT. DR. TURBAY HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT IF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA HE WILL WORK HARD TO IMPROVE THE U.S.-COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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